For other courses, the participants are selected by Selection Committee constituted by the Director.

In the regular courses, an attempt is made to have a balanced geographical representation, subject to the fulfillment of the selection criteria and also subject to the availability of seats. In case of medical personnel, inservice doctors and those whose degrees are recognized by the Medical Council of India are preferred.

The impact of each course is evaluated by means of feed back obtained through a questionnaire.

Since the trainees are in the employment of State Governments/other Institutes, they utilize their training in the performance of their duties.

Legislation to Check Aids

*173. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward a legislation to check AIDS in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Before enactment of a legislation to prevent the spread of AIDS in the country, several complex issues involving Central Government, State Governments and local bodies have to be resolved. The issues to be considered are organisational, administrative, legal, financial, social and ethical implications of legislation. Consultations have been started to examine the feasibility of screening persons belonging to the high risk category within the framework of existing laws and enactment of a separate legislation.

Programmes for eradication of illiteracy

*174. SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have earmarked Rs. 550 crore to implement an ambitious programme to wipe out illiteracy by 1990; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The Central Government have formulated a comprehensive programme known as "National Literacy Mission" to impart functional literacy to 80 million illiterate persons in 15–35 age-group—30 million by 1990 and addition 50 million by 1995. The financial requirements of Rs. 550 crores have been estimated for the current and remaining two years of the 7th Plan, i.e. 1987–1990. An allocation of Rs. 75.50 crores has been made in the Plan budget for 1987-88. The allocations to be made for the next two years are yet to be decided The requirement of funds for the implementation of NLM during Eight Five Year Plan are also yet to be worked out.

(b) The strategies proposed to be adopted for implementation of NLM include the following :—

(i) Motivation centred programmes will be designed, with special care in regard to their form and content inputs. The programmes will be linked with skill development and economic activities, health related issues, recreational and cultural activities Attractive learning/teaching material will be provided Dedicated and well trained instructive will be deployed. Improved learning atmosphere and good arrangements for continuing education will be ensured.

(ii) Systematic efforts will be made to secure people's participation through media and communication, creation of local level participatory structures, taking out of Jatthas, training of cadres of youth etc.

(iii) Involvement of Voluntary agencies for spread of the programme, for training and technical resource development, experimentation and innovation etc will be significantly increased Diverse methods will be employed for identification of suitable agencies and procedures of financial assistance will be sreamlined.